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The reply filed on 6/21/02 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

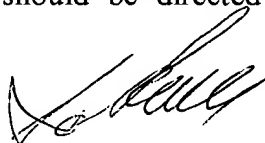
(1) Claims 6 and 7 currently depend from cancelled claim 1.

(2) Applicant's arguments (page 5, third paragraph) state that claim 9 has been rewritten, but also state that claim 9 has been cancelled (page 5, second paragraph).

Clarifications to each of these points is required.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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